

Prairie Harvest Weekend

September 23-24, 2006

Potato Creek State Park

25601 State Road 4, North Liberty, IN 46554 (574) 656-8186

PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.

All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)

PARENTS: an adult must accompany Children under 14.

www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/parks/potatocreek.html

PRAIRIE MAZE OPENS TODAY - Get a maze guide and test your skills to find your way through the maze and learn about the tall grass prairie at the same time. Park at Deer Meadows Picnic Area. Guide booklets are available at the Nature Center and Main Gate.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006



10:00 a.m.

PRESCRIBED FIRE DEMONSTRATION – Hear a little about the planning of a prescribed prairie fire and then see some of the tools demonstrated (weather permitting)

MEET: Nature Center



1:00 p.m.

WOOLY BEARS (\$1 fee) - It's about time for "wooly-watching." Learn a little about these fuzzy caterpillars and then create one of your own to take home.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

1:30 p.m.



LEAF PRINT BANDANA (\$5 fee) – We'll share some crafty ways to capture fall colors and then let you decorate a bandana with colorful leaf prints. Limit 40.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium



2:30 p.m.

SEED JEWELRY (\$1 fee) – Create a unique bracelet out of seeds and other natural items to take with you.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium

3:15 p.m.

HARVEST WREATH (\$1 fee) – Make a harvest wreath to take home to decorate your door by braiding these leaves.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium



Craft Session Fees - Material fees are per craft supply set. There will be a limited number on some crafts. Craft tickets may be purchased in the Nature Center on Saturday September 23 beginning at 9:00 am.



4:00 p.m.

SCARECROW

DECORATING CONTEST (\$10/team fee) – Get together a team and come get creative to win a prize! There will be a limited number of scarecrows, so sign up early. Sign-up begins at 9am at Nature Center.

MEET: Nature Center Yard



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2006

10:00 a.m.

PRAIRIE WALK – Come along on this easy walk to see and learn more about the tall grass prairie of the past. 1 hour.

MEET: Whispering Winds P. Lot

2-3:30 p.m.

PRAIRIE RESTORATION WORKSHOP - This in depth look at prairies will touch on their history and how to plant and manage a small prairie. Participants will learn how to select a site, obtain seed, stratify seed and techniques for planting.

MEET: Nature Center Auditorium